

## CAZRI supports goat breed 'Sirohi' improvement under SCSP

Luni tehsil in Jodhpur district is mostly rainfed and livestock rearing is a vital component of livelihood for farmers. CAZRI is implementing Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) in this tehsil for last 3 years to enhance the income of the beneficiary farmers through various technological interventions covering arable crops, horticultural crops, animal husbandry, soil nutrition and capacity building of targeted SC farm families. Sirohi breed goat flock (4 female goats + 1 male) distribution and training programme was organized at Rohicha Kalan village on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in which about 75 farmers from Rohicha Kalan, Piparli, Sar, Sinli, and Uttesar panchayats participated.



Dr. Mahesh Kumar, SCSP Nodal Officer, provided details of the interventions undertaken in these villages. He informed farmers about the guidelines and advised them to keep a record of the goat rearing. Dr. R.S. Yadav informed about the importance of livestock rearing in the region. Dr. B.L. Manjunatha informed that goat rearing was undertaken by all the beneficiary farmers in the region and therefore breed improvement through Sirohi breed was chosen in the programme.

Dr. Sumant Vyas, Head, Division of Livestock Production and Range Management discussed scientific goat rearing including improved breed, feed, health management and housing practices. He added that scientific goat rearing would open the entrepreneurial opportunities for youth in the region. He addressed queries raised by the farmers. Sh. Ramachandra, innovative farmer and CAZRI Kisan Mitra shared that his farm income has enhanced significantly in last 10 years because of adoption of scientific technologies from CAZRI such as rain water harvesting, cultivation of vegetables under polyhouse, arid horticulture and scientific livestock rearing. Sarpanch of Sar and Sinli were also present during the occasion. After the training, Sirohi breed goat flocks (4 goats female+ 1 male) were distributed to 23 farm scheduled caste farm families from these villages which are below poverty line.

Shri Indra Raj Meena, Senior Administrative Officer on the occasion highlighted the importance of the scheme and appealed farmers to adopt scientific interventions for enhanced income and better livelihood.